

October 2013 Update

- Award results from the National Association of Community Development Extension Professional Galaxy Conference Sept. 16–20, in Pittsburgh, Pa.
 - National Epsilon Sigma Phi: Daryl Buchholz, associate director of extension and applied research, 2013 Distinguished Service Ruby Award; Stacey Warner, extension operations leader, Administrative Leadership Award; TrandaWatts, multicounty specialist, regional Chapter Distinguished Service Award; Debra Bolton, southwest area specialist, regional Early Career Service Award.
 - National Association of Extension 4-H Agents: Ann Religa, Harvey County, Meritorious Service; Evelyn Neir, State 4-H Office, and Karla Hightower, Miami County, Distinguished Service, Kansas; Corinne Patterson, Lyon County, and Kaitlyn Peine, Douglas County, Achievement in Service; Lisa Garrison, Shawnee County National Salute to Excellence Volunteer of the Year; Mildred Waldren, Greeley County Lifetime Volunteer; 4-H Marketing Team, Communicator Award Promotional Package.
 - National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences: Tranda Watts, multicounty specialist, regional Extension Educator of the Year; Robin Eubank, Barber County, first regional and national, ACI Clean and Healthy Families and Communities; Northwest Area Full Circle Team (Tranda Watts, Libby Curry, northwest area; Melinda Daily, Sunflower District; Cynthia Dixson, Rawlins County; Diann Gerstner, Thomas County; Amy Lorenzen, Jen Schoenfeld, Golden Prairie District; Anna Muir, Phillips-Rooks District; Kathy Lupfer-Nielson, Nadine Sigle, Post Rock District; Julianne Shoup, Twin Creeks District; Linda Beech, Ellis County; Glenna Clingingsmith, Northwest Kansas AAA; and Glen McNeil, Fort Hays State University), first in region, Human Development/Family Relationships; Barbara Ames, Wildcat District, first in region; Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Sedgwick County, first regional (multistate) and third national, Communications Newsletters; Chelsea Richmond, Flint Hills District, second regional, Communications Written Press Releases; Elizabeth Brunscheen-Cartagena, Sedgwick County, first regional and third national; and Cindy Williams, Nancy Nelson, Meadowlark District; Kathy Tharman, Doniphan County; and Diane Nielson, Atchison County, second regional, Communications Television/Video.
 - National Association of County Agricultural Agents: Sandra Wick, Post Rock District, Distinguished Service Award; Dewayne Craghead, Hodgeman County, Distinguished Service; Jeanne Falk-Jones, Northwest Area, national winner, "Search for Excellence in Crop Production," national finalist, Communications Audio Recording, and Achievement; Chris Petty, Graham County, Achievement Award; Carla Nemecek, Southwind District, regional winner, Excellence in 4-H; Chuck Otte, Geary County, national finalist, Communications Bound Book. NACAA officers: Richard Fechter, Rolling Prairie District, secretary; Chuck Otte, policy committee chair.
- Jim Strine received the Presidential Field Forester Award for District 9 from the Society of American Foresters. He retired in July 2013 after 35 years as a district forester with the Kansas Forest Service.
- About 300 participants attended presentations at K-State's 2013 Beef Stocker Field Day on Sept. 26.
- Agronomists Vara Prasad and Chuck Rice spent 10 days in Vietnam as part of the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases to Combat Climate Change Borlaug Fellowship Program. The program is sponsored by the Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program.
- K-State researchers representing three colleges and six departments received a three-year \$1.4 million grant from the National Science Foundation's Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems program to study how human activity and climate change affect Great Plains water systems. Jason Bergtold, associate professor of agricultural economics, will model how economic forces, such as crop and fuel prices, influence land- and water-use decisions.